

# ***“The Birth of Mirabella V”***



**Speaker: Ron Holland**

**Time: 12:00 p. m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday May 12, 2005**

**Location: Building 943, Space Station room**

New Zealander Ron Holland is one of the world's leading luxury yacht designers.

Based on the racing successes of his Admiral's Cup yachts in the 70's, Holland received design commissions for maxi racers, the largest yachts competing internationally. In 1980 Kialoa and Condor established the Ron Holland design philosophy in this area of the business and lead to commissions for larger fast performance oriented cruising yachts. The benchmark of the Ron Holland Design philosophy is still in force with today's design commissions.



In late 1998, Holland took a call from an old racing client, Joseph Vittoria. The new project was Mirabella V, the largest single masted sailing yacht in the world. This 245' (75 metres) sailing yacht boasts a diverse specification, including a mast that towers just under 300' (90 metres) into the air, a 20 person Jacuzzi on the foredeck and a 600 bottle wine cellar.

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